

1846

When Grant graduated from West Point he became a 2nd Lt. He spent 2 yrs at Army bases at Missouri and Tennessee.

The Mexican War started 1846 but he did not see much action.

When Grant returned from Mexico he married Julia

Dent, the sister of his roommate at  
West Point. 2 of their 4 children were  
born while he was in the Army. But  
Grant didn't see much of his family.  
After 11 yrs in the Army, he resigned

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The Mexican War began. Lee who was now a Captain was sent to Mexico. He planned the marches. He taught soldiers how to build bridges & repair roads.

Gen. Scott appointed Lee to his staff. From then on, Lee helped make plans for war operations.

He became a Colonel during the Mexican War.

1846-49

USS United States is recommissioned  
& deployed to Africa, the Mediterranean  
& Europe; returns to Norfolk and  
is mothballed in Feb 1849